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**Sent:** Thursday, 19 June 2014 10:07 AM

**To:** State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee

**Subject:** [REDACTED] submission regarding The State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

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Dear Mr Ray Stevens MP

I write to offer my support for changes to the use of houses in residential areas for short term rentals that lead to party houses. We live in a peaceful, acreage area on the Gold Coast Hinterland that on a regular basis is affected by the deplorable behaviour of guests at a party house on our street. I think it is unreasonable that any person can buy a house and convert it into a business that affects every other resident on the street. It is our view that if owners want to run party houses let them legitimately compete with the genuine entertainment providers who are bound by legislation to operate licensed premises in properly zoned precincts.

In our case guests at the party houses which breach our zoning and building laws, have:

1. broken into people's homes, stolen property and threatened them
2. lit fires and burned down a neighbour's house
3. had sex on neighbours balconies where children live
4. assaulted people with knives
5. littered our pristine environment
6. played excessively loud music almost every weekend when we are trying to unwind after working all week
7. killed many native wallabies and possums by speeding along the street.

In addition we have hundreds of strangers driving along our street and this affects our sense of security and privacy. Because of these reasons and due to a total lack of enforcement and action by the Gold Coast City Council, we welcome any changes to the legislation that stop party houses operating as businesses in residential areas. If the owners want to run party houses let them legitimately compete with the genuine entertainment providers who are bound by legislation to operate licensed premises in properly zoned precincts.

Regards

Jayne and David Keene